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Sir:

In further response to the Official Action of December 8, 1995, and supplementary to the Paper dated April 12, 1996, please amend the above referenced patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 32, line 4, change "input" to --driven--.

Amend the claim 48 as follows:

- 1       --48. (AMENDED) Power transmitting apparatus
- 2       comprising a fluid coupling including at least one housing
- 3       having an axis of rotation and connectable with a rotary
- 4       [output] driving device, at least one impeller disposed in

5 and driven by said at least one housing when said housing  
6 is driven by said driving device, and at least one runner  
7 disposed in said at least one housing and connectable with  
8 a rotary [input] driven device; a rotary output element con-  
9 nnectable with said driven device; and damper means including  
10 at least two torsionally elastic dampers in a power train  
11 between said at least one housing and said output element,  
12 each of said at least two dampers including at least one  
13 energy storing element acting in a circumferential direction  
14 of said at least one housing, the at least one energy storing  
15 element of one of said at least two dampers being disposed  
16 in a power train between said at least one runner and said  
17 output element and being spaced apart from and disposed  
18 radially outwardly of said axis, the at least one energy  
19 storing element of the other of said at least two dampers  
20 being disposed in a power train between said at least one  
21 housing and said at least one runner.--.

Appeal. May 10, 1998 was a Sunday. Receipt of such Request is acknowledged in Paper dated July 21, 1998 a copy of which is enclosed.

(3) The Paper dated July 21, 1998 contains two obvious inaccuracies, namely:

(a) This Paper (hereinafter called Notice) states that the Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) request was deposited on April 21, 1998. Such request was filed by facsimile on May 11, 1998. Enclosed are copies of seven printouts indicating that the telefax machine in Group 3500 did not function properly and was incapable of accepting more than 18 pages in a single pass.

(b) The Notice of July 21, 1998 contains the statement that the prior application (Serial No. 08/135,059 was abandoned, or proceedings terminated on May 29, 1998.

Thus, the Notice acknowledges receipt of the Request for CPA on April 21, 1998 (this should be May 11, 1998), and the same Notice contains the statement tha the application was abandoned on May 29, 1998.

(4) Upon receipt of the Notice dated July 21, 1998, the undersigned contacted the Patent Examiner Mr. Rodriguez in an effort to clarify the aforescussed contradictory statements. Mr. Rodriguez informed the